

# **HIV Behavioral Surveillance in the Baltimore-Columbia-Towson Metropolitan Area**

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# MISSION AND VISION

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## MISSION

The mission of the Prevention and Health Promotion Administration is to protect, promote and improve the health and well-being of all Marylanders and their families through provision of public health leadership and through community-based public health efforts in partnership with local health departments, providers, community based organizations, and public and private sector agencies, giving special attention to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

## VISION

The Prevention and Health Promotion Administration envisions a future in which all Marylanders and their families enjoy optimal health and well-being.

# Definition

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Behavioral surveillance, for public health purposes, is the systematic and ongoing collection of data about risk and health-related behaviors with the purpose of correlating trends in behaviors with changes in disease over time.

-Lansky, *et al.* Public Health Reports, 2007.

# National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS)

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- CDC funded project
- Data collection began in 2004
- In up to 25 metropolitan areas (has varied over time)
- Major divisions of metropolitan areas with the greatest numbers of AIDS cases in the U.S.

# NHBS Sites



# National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS)

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- Funded nationally by the CDC
- Funded locally by MDH
- 2019 – Year 4 of the current 5 year cooperative agreement
- Application for new 5 year funding cycle due in August 2020

# NHBS – Baltimore

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- MDH contract with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health for field operations
  - Dept. of Epidemiology: Frank Sifakis, David Celentano
  - Dept. of Health, Behavior and Society: Danielle German, David Holtgrave
- Collaborative project of CDC, MDH, and JHU

# NHBS – Baltimore – BESURE

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# The BEhavioral SUrveillance REsearch Study



# NHBS Objectives

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- To assess prevalence of and trends in
  - HIV risk behaviors
  - HIV testing behaviors
  - Exposure to and use of prevention services among persons at high risk for infection
  - HIV prevalence and incidence

# Case vs. Behavioral Surveillance

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## Case Surveillance

- Infected population
- HIV positives
- Mandated reporting
- Data abstracted from medical records
- All diagnosed cases (N $\approx$ 30,000 in Maryland)
- Dozens of demographic and clinical variables

## Behavioral Surveillance

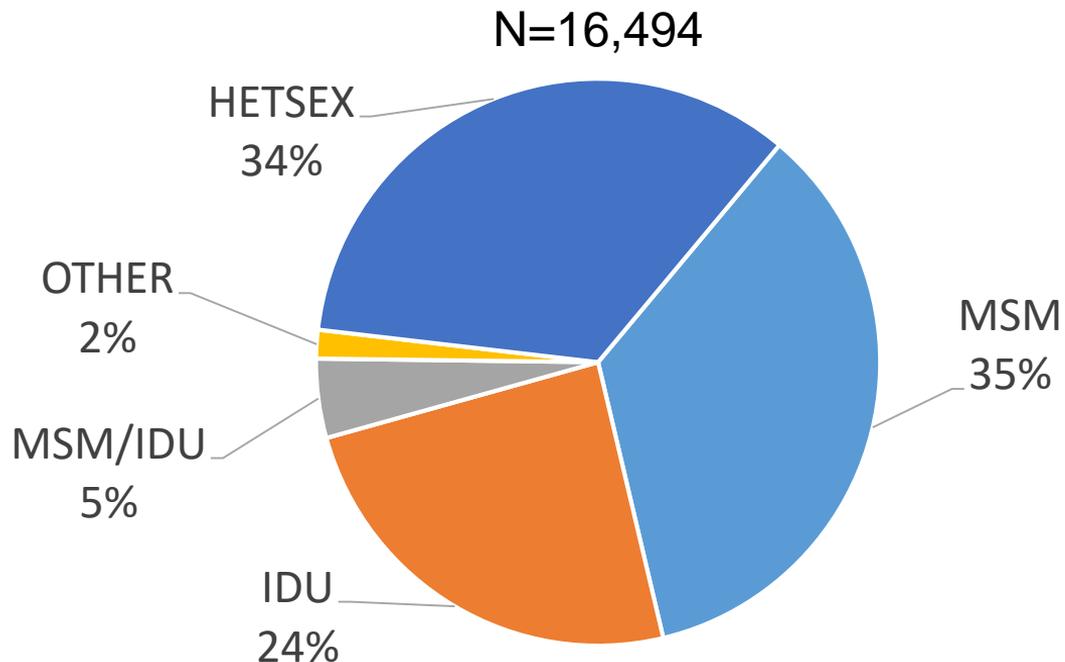
- Population at risk
- HIV negatives and positives
- Research study
- Data from participant interviews and blood tests
- 500 sampled participants per population per year
- Hundreds of behavioral variables

# NHBS Target Populations

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- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Injection drug users (IDU)
- Heterosexuals at risk for HIV (HET)

# Living Adult/Adolescent HIV Cases on 12/31/17, by Exposure Category, Baltimore-Columbia-Towson MSA



Using data as reported through 6/30/2018

Multiple imputation was used to estimate and adjust for missing exposure category.

# NHBS Recruitment Methods

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- Venue-based sampling (VBS)
- Respondent-driven sampling (RDS)

# NHBS Cycles

	MSM	IDU	HET
Wave 1	VBS 2004-2005	RDS 2006	VBS and RDS 2007
Wave 2	VBS 2008	RDS 2009	RDS 2010
Wave 3	VBS 2011	RDS 2012	RDS 2013
Wave 4	VBS 2014	RDS 2015	RDS 2016
Wave 5	VBS 2017	RDS 2018	RDS 2019

# NHBS Data Reports

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- MMWR and other CDC publications
- Journal articles
- Conference presentations
- Planning group presentations
- MSM/SGL Response Team presentations
- MDH website



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